Crime in Mumbai by mafia groups

377. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: .

(a) the number of murders and kidnappings in the Mumbai metropolitan area by so-called mafia groups in each of the years since 1991-92;

(b) whether these groups are linked with financiers and land speculators operating from abroad, and if so, the identity of these operators; and

(c) whether Government have any proposal to constitute jointly with Government of Maharashtra, action groups for effective restoration of law and order in Mumbai?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Available information in regard to murders and kidnappings/abductions in Mumbai since 1991 is given below:

Year	No. of Murders	No. of kidnappings/ Abductions
1991	473	_____
1992	487	341
1993	687	220
1994	354	234
1995	357	231
1996	327	169
1997	CITY-WISE BREAK UP IS NOT YET AVAILABLE	

Information about the involvement of mafia groups in such crimes is not maintained separately.

(b) The Central Government Is aware of the existence of gangs operating in various parts of the country, particularly ! in metropolitan cities, and engaged in extortion and other organised crimes. According to available information these gangs indulge in pilfrage of imported ; goods lying in docks/storage, smuggling of gold and other contraband, drug trafficking, Hawala racket and getting cuts for settling land and living premises disputes.

(c) 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects under the Constitution of India. Accordingly,, prevention of crime as well as investigation and detection of crime are the responsibility of the State Governments. The Central Governments, however, extends financial assistance to the State Governments for improving their policing infrastructure. The Central Government also shares intelligence with the State Governments and sends them advisories from time to time.

Killings of Santhals In Assam

378. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Santhals killed by Bodos mob in Assam recently; and

(b) the steps taken to direct the State Government to control" the situation immediately?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) According to reports, 137 Santhals have so far lost their lives since April, 1998.

(b) The Central Government is closely monitoring the situation arising out of ethnic clashes in Assam between the Bodos and Santhals. The State Police have also been requested to undertake preventive arrests of anti-social elements.

The State Government has also been advised to hold peace meetings and all party meetings involving all political parties and bodo and Santhal leaders for defusing the situation.

Smuggling of RDX from Pakistan

SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS: be pleased to state:

(a) whether huge quantity of RDX is being smuggled into India from Pakistan;

(b) if so, the quantity of RDX seized during the last three months; and

(c) the steps Government have taken to tighten security at Indo-Pak borders?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) According to available information quantity of RDX recovered during August September and October is as under:

August, 1998	86 Kg.
September, 1998	87 Kg.
October, 1998 -	521 Kg.

(c) Government is alive to the situation and is taking all necessary steps to compat and frustrate the designs of ISI by sensiting and gearing up the intelligence machinery, sharing of intelligence and coordinated action by concerned Central and State agencies. Close vigil is being kept by the security forces along the border/LUC and in the interior areas. Various arrangements have been made for this purpose including intensive patrolling, provision and use of surveillance equipments including night vision devices etc., deployment of forces in the vulnerable areas both on the LOC Border and in the hinterland, setting up of village Defence Committees in some of the sensitive regions near the border etc. The arrangements are being continuously reviewed and strengthened as found necessary.

Declaring Pakistan as a Terrorist State

380. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a particular section of the society of J&K has already been made target of Pakistan supported terrorist activities;

(b) whether it is also a fact that situation in J&K has not materially changed as the terrorists continue to get all help from Pakistan; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take get Pakistan declared as Terrorist State?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) With a view to spread communal divide in J&K, people belonging to the minority community in the Valley, specifically Kashmiri Pandits, have been prime targets of Pak sponsored militants since the eruption of militancy in the State. Of late militants have started targctting innocent people mostly belonging to Hindu Community in Jammu region also.

(b) Due to sustained pressure and concerted actions of the Security Forces and the State administration, the number of incidents has decreased in the State and particularly in the Valley. There has been significant improvement in the situation and the life is moving towards normalcy. However, militants continue to get all kinds of help from Pak ISI to sustain the violence in J&K.

(c) Govt, has consistently brought to the attention of the international community, Pakistan's active involvement in the instigation and sponsorship of terrorism against India, particularly in J&K. Pakistan's role in such activities is widely acknowledged by international public opinion.

Laden in Kashmir

381. SHRI DHARAM PAL YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that international terrorist Osmabin-Laoen alongwith about 700 hired and trained terrorists have entered Kashmir with the purpose of propagating terrorism, as reported in all the newspapers of the country;

(b) the reasons for Government's failure to check infiltration from borders; and

(c) whether Government have taken any effective action to check the intiltration, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?